MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Advocate-General*): Sir, on a point of order. That question is not fair, because that does not arise from this question.

PRESIDENT: Apart from that how is the Secretary likely to know the quantity available with any of the merchants, because the sale is not conducted under the auspices of the Government?

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: No, Sir: the Textile Commissioner is distributing to the Taluk Committee and the whole thing is controlled. Now, we are not in a position to get anything. I want to know whether anything is lying idle.

PRESIDENT: We will ascertain and let you know.

Yardage of cloth to population.

436 *MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total yardage of cloth allotted to the population of Travancore by the Government of India;

(*b*) on what basis this quota is allocated;

(*c*) the basis on which cloth quota is allocated to the Province of Bengal; Bombay and Punjab by the Textile Commissioner to the Government of India;

(*d*) whether the total yardage of cloth allotted to Travancore was imported in 1943-44; and

(*e*) the yardage of cloth imported during the period January to June 1945?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: (*a*) 17,36,000 yards.

(*b*) The basis is 10 yards per annum per head of the population but actually we are getting less.

(*c*) 12 to 15 yards.

(*d*) No allotment was made till the beginning of 1945.

(*e*) 43,07,000 yards.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Sir, in answer to part (*a*) it is stated "17,36,000 yards". Am I to take it that the yardage is for one month?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: No, for the whole year.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: If it is for the whole year, are we not actually getting less, when according to answer (*b*) it will be remembered that we require 6 crores of yards—Why is that discrepancy?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: We are not getting what we ask for. We are getting only less.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: When was this quota allotted?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: August 1943.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Sir, referring to part (*e*) has the whole quantity been imported into Travancore—43 odd lakhs?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: Yes.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: What steps have been taken by Government in getting the amount we want?

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PRESIDENT: Writing serious letters ! (*laughter.*) Every officer who has got anything to do with this, including the Reconstruction Officer, who has just returned two days ago, has been told to concentrate his attention on this question, but the Government of India have turned their attention to Bengal. All their Secretaries and high officials are flocked in Calcutta, as the honourable member might have seen, because, the lawyers have photographed that they go naked to the Courts; and apparently, they are much interested with the photographs, with the result that all the Government Secretaries and the Textile Commissioner, Mr. Vellodi, and two of his Assistants and a number of persons have gone to Calcutta and they have now started a Committee composed partly of them and partly of other gentlemen and the cloth is going to be distributed to them. We now need no photographs, but we have very strongly complained about the manner in which we have been treated. From the 'Madraa Mail" of yesterday, it may be noted that the same question has arisen in Madras; and full-page photographs have been published of people in front of the shops in Madras and the police "gently" pushing the crowd to form a queue. If the Government of India are not to give a better quota, we have to start rationing on a scale similar to the one that is adopted for food.

Sale of standard cloth.

437 ✻**MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state the names of the merchants to whom standard cloth was given for sale at Chirayinkil and Nedumangad during the period January to June 1945 and the quantity (in yards) given to each merchant?

MR. T. K GOPALAN NAIR:

1.	Mr. P. Kunjan, Cloth Merchant,	Attingal.	37,945 yards.
2.	Mr. S. K. Raghavan,	do. Nedumangad.	4,180 yards.
3.	Mr. Kunjukrishnan,	do. Chirayinkil.	2,280 yards.

License to sell yarn.

438 ✻**MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of persons who hold license to sell yarn in the taluks of Chirayinkil and Nedumangad; and

(*b*) the number of persons who were given yarn for sale on more than one occasion with the respective number of times yarn was supplied with the quantity of yarn supplied each time?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR:

(*a*) Chirayinkil 15
Nedumangad 2

(*b*) The question is vague.

Yarn distributed by Co-operative Societies.

439 ✻**MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state the quantity of yarn (in bales) handed over to the Registrar of Co-operative Societies for distribution in the months of March, April and May 1945?

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